Language, Beliefs Religion

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belief>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epistemology>

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language of - Bible, Old Testament, Koran, sacred texts,

religious festivals, Christmas (Merry) xmas

Why I am not a Christian – Bertrand Russell

Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, Christopher Hitchens – athiests

Catholicism – Pope,

Devil’s advocate –

Dante

Paradise Lost, Pilgrim’s Progress

Origin of the Species

The Dawkins Lennox Debate – examination of language used

Lexicon of belief, persuasion

<http://www.acampbell.ukfsn.org/essays/skeptic/language.html>

Rituals, commonalities, values

Cultural acceptance

Outcome – what values and attitudes and paradigms underpin belief systems?

What is moral, good vs evil etc

Narrative of universal meaning

Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy

Monty Python’s Life of Brian

Cultural acceptance

* how do people come to believe what they do?
* Conversions from/to religions
* Born-again christians

Scientists and beliefs

* creationism vs evolution
* scientific beliefs

Other types of beliefs

* beauty, love, abstract concepts

relativism

Political beliefs

Democrats vs republicans

Democracy vs communism